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Are They Errors?

BY JOHN PELTZ.

Following is a short list of some stamps, which some philatelists declare to be errors, although Scott's catalogue does not so class them.

To begin with, there is Austria. In the 1858 issue, the 3 kr was printed in two colors, separately, green and black. It seems strange that this stamp was printed in two different colors, as one color was sufficient. Perhaps it was done through a mistake of the postal authorities, and when they discovered the error, they did not deem it necessary to rectify it, so an equal quantity of the 3 kr. was printed in each color.

The 1889 15c violet red of Paraguay is another doubtful stamp. The postage and official stamps each had different designs, and it does seem strange that one value of the official set, namely the 15c violet red, in unsurcharged condition, should have been used for postage, when there was no requirement for a 15c postage, nor has there been since. Used copies without the surcharge "Official" are rare, and very hard to obtain. My theory is, that this stamp was made at first for official use, but finding that there was no use for it, since the 15c of the last issue was still in use, the post office authorities had this stamp surcharged with new values, to be used up for official use; and by an accident several sheets were not surcharged, and some copies were used postally. This, I think, is the reason why the 15c stamp has always been regarded as a a postage stamp.

About Stamps

CULLED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

The Omaha remainders have been returned to Washington for destruction.

The stamps to be issued for the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo will range in value from 1c to 10c.

Comparitively few of the 1c value of the first issue of Chili were used postally the majority being used as revenue stamps.

Queensland has issued a new ½d stamp.

It is said that counterfeits of the 3d beaver stamps have come to light.

China will issue no stamps in blue as Chinese letter carriers deem blue very unlucky and will not deliver letters with blue stamps.

A copy of the 10c, 1893 Belgium Sunday stamp has been seen with the coupon at the top of the stamp.

Finlands stamps are now obselete the regular Russian atamps having supereeded them

It is expected that one of the values of the Pan-American set, will picture Niagara Falls.

Ceylon has issued a new stamp. Its value is 12c; color, olive-green and carmine.

New postal cards have appeared from Rhodesia.

A new set of stamps has recently appeared from Argentine.

C. E. A. Holmes of Montreal reports that a collector of that city recently had a copy of the rare 12d Canada stolen. This stamp is catalogued at $500 00

Battle-Axe Hollow, Ont.

January 10th, 1900.

Dear Mister Editor:

Yew will mebbe be raither sirprised tew heer from me but that's neither heer nor thar. I jest want yew tew say in your paper thet eny feller what cums araound my farm hed better watch out. If he is after stamps he may git hurt. I genly allus hes my axe with me and if he cums when I aint raound I hev a good dawg what'll tend tew him. One time one of your stamp men cum araound with a one story as how he'd tell me haow tew clear sum money. I listened tew him and let him hav some of my stamps fer a dollar and next day I red in the Toronto Globe as how he had made a great find of over tew hundred $ $ worth of old stamps out tew my place. I'm layin' fer the next feller and rite this tew warn eny who thinks of giving me a call.

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REUBEN GREEN.

Gleanings.

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Our local contemporary the Philatelic Advocate has issued in its January number the largest siugle number of any stamp paper published in Canada.

"Swap" is the name of a new stamp paper hailing from Rochester It is devoted principally to stamp exchanging.

New stamps for the German Empire are in readiness and will be put into circulation as soon as the old issue is used up.

Germany's new stamps consist of the following values besides those heretofore in use: 1, 2, 3, and 5 marks. The new design depicts Germania clad in armor and the crown of the empire adorns her head. A special stamp fer the empire's colonies will picture "Germany at Sea."

The past year has seen two failures in stamp concerns in England, viz: The Harry Hilckes Co. and Theodor Buhl and Co.

Q. and A.

Q—What is philatelic rot?

A—The kind of stuff being written by such Boers as Dietz of the Virginia Philatelist and J. L. R. of the Philatelic Bulletin.

Q—Is Dietz an authority on the Boer question?

A—He claims to have read up the entire trouble but if he did he must have got it entirely from Boer sources.

Q—What do you think of Mr. Dietz?

A—I think he is a good Philatelic editor but when he begins to prate about the Boer war he makes a dunkey of himself.

Q—Is the League of Canadian Philatelists still in existance?

A—It is not dead but sleeping.

Q—What about the P.S. of A.?

A—It exists only on paper

WAT CHOUTE

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